

YOUNG TURKEY/YOUNG AMERICA: A NEW RELATIONSHIP FOR A NEW AGE
An Exchange Program for Emerging Grassroots Leaders in Turkey and the U.S.

REQUIREMENTS/ INSTRUCTIONS

Please also review the Program Summary and Participant Application Form

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- ☐ Be between the ages of 20 and 35 on January 1, 2011
- ☐ Be able to participate in the program from February, 2011 through September 30, 2012 including:
 - Participating in weekly online discussions from February through March, 2011
 - Participating full-time in a two week program in the U.S. for two weeks in April, 2011*
 - Participating in online discussions from May through September, 2011
 - Participating full-time in a two week program in Turkey in October, 2011*
 - Participating in other meetings, as scheduled
 - Implementing a joint community-based project with your American/Turkish counterparts through September, 2012 and providing regular project updates as requested.
- ☐ Have regular access to the internet throughout the program period;
- ☐ Be a highly motivated, *emerging* grassroots leader currently working for a non-governmental/non profit organization.
- ☐ Have an interest in developing leadership skills and networking with other future leaders from Turkey and the U.S. throughout and beyond the duration of the program;
- ☐ Have an interest in undertaking an intercultural joint community-based project.
- ☐ Be working for five years or less, in one of the two program areas:
 - women's empowerment
 - youth empowerment
- ☐ **NOTE:** Applicants with proficiency in speaking, writing, and reading English are strongly preferred.

***Travel costs are funded by the U.S. Embassy in Turkey for program travel. However, U.S. participants residing outside of Chicago must cover their own expenses to attend the Chicago-based program.**

TO APPLY, SUBMIT IN ENGLISH:

- ☐ A completed Participant Application Form;
- ☐ A current résumé or CV;
- ☐ A letter of reference from a supervisor or professional colleague who is well acquainted with the applicant's work and/or demonstrated leadership capacity or potential;
- ☐ A letter of approval for participation from the applicant's employer from either the head of the organization or its Board President, if employed at an NGO or nonprofit;
- ☐ The "Contact Information for References" form for two references, other than the one submitting the letter, who are well acquainted with the applicant and/or his or her work and/or educational experiences and interests.
- ☐ A signed, personal statement, no more than two double-spaced pages, stating the applicant's reasons for wanting to participate in this program.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JANUARY 21, 2011

Applications may be submitted by e-mail with subject line "Young Turkey/Young America Application."
Please address to all of the following people:

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